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## Prior Cricket Club Members Package

A great place to play Cricket in Greater  
Philadelphia and Vicinity



### Prior Cricket Club Welcome to Season 2009

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- Friendly Environment, Families most welcome.
- Prime Club Field Location
- Excellent playing opportunities for three distinct Tourneys
- 50+ year around games
- Non Discriminatory Team Selection Environment
- Post Nets and Post Game Socials

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*Since, 1923 Prior Cricket Club is one of the best and most recognized Cricket Clubs in greater Philadelphia region.*



- Joe Aman The Club President with Amar Pallavaram the Second Best Batsman of Philadelphia Cricket League and MVP for Prior Cricket Club's Season 2008

Welcome to Season 2009



L-Vice Captain: Rajash Pallai  
R-Captain: Vishnu Radhakrishnan

## THE CRICKET CLUB

Prior Cricket Club was founded in 1923, in the heart of Philadelphia's lush Fairmount Parks. Started as "Prior Cricket and Archery Club", it has come from the golden age of cricket in Philadelphia to now being a member of Philadelphia Cricket League, Turbo Cup Championships and future possibility of Delaware Cricket League.

Our season begins in early April with net practice(s), league and friendly matches. We host a number of league and friendly games during the season with teams coming in from New York, New Jersey and Washington DC areas. Prior is privileged to be one of the very few cricket clubs in the US that boast an excellent home ground pitch, net practice facilities and a club house with all the amenities that make the club very popular. The club is located at an extremely convenient location accessible just minutes off PA-76, and Rt-1.

The Prior takes pride and commitment to the joys of touring with the Staten Island Cricket Club, Hollywood Golden Oldies from California and select Florida Clubs. Our recent tour to Freeport Bahamas, which lasted over Thanksgiving weekend of 2008, was an experience to remember. The Club plans on touring Freeport Bahamas, England, and Florida in the upcoming 2009 season.

Prior also offers post nets practice(s) social night out/party, Annual Awards Dinner, a post game social and other events throughout the season.

Prior takes pride in having lots of new, young, hardworking, very talented, enthusiastic players, who are also fun loving with families. We are looking forward to our new season of 2009, and Club welcomes you to the family.

## PRIOR HOSTING ONE OF PCL 20/20 LEAGUE GAME DURING 2008.



**L To R Standing:** Tony R., Vishnu C, Saad A., Mayur M., Dil B., Rinkesh P., Rajash P., Ali D., Vishnu R.

**L To R Sitting:** Omi S., Joe A., Victor S., Amar P.



**Club Secretary/Treasurer:**  
Terence Fernandes

As a new member Prior Cricket Club, I welcome you. Please feel free to contact me for any questions you may have for the club. I highly encourage new and old members to go through our Website <http://www.priorcricketclub.com>, which has all the up to date information on The Club Constitution and By-Laws, and the upcoming season. I also expect that to experience full benefits of your membership please pay your dues on time and fill out your membership information below as legible as possible on Application. The goal of the club is to have a fun and successful 2009 season.

--Terence Fernandes Page 2 of 12



## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND PACKAGE.**

Welcome to Prior Cricket Club.

We are proud to be one of the oldest cricket clubs on East Coast. The Club was originally found in 1923 but had its ups and downs due to World War II Breakout. Since 1996 club has enjoyed continuous success under President Joe Aman alongside partners with Philadelphia Discus Club (Frisbee League). At present the Club enjoys great direction from club President Joe Aman and Club Secretary/Treasurer Terrence Fernandez.

We presently enjoy some 45+ playing members, some full time some Alumni, we normally field two to three teams each weekend from April through November and played approximately 65 matches in 2008, including a thanksgiving tour to Freeport Bahamas. In 2008 The Club participated in Philadelphia Cricket League (40 Over and 20/20 Tournaments) and Turbo Cup Championship (30 Over Tournament), reaching quarterfinals and semifinals successively. The Club proudly offers a well managed clubhouse along with one of the historically maintained fields of cricket. The address of clubhouse is 4001 Edgely Rd, Philadelphia, PA, 19131.

Prior Cricket Club plays cricket in the purest of its form with love, passion, heart and with competitive spirit. We strive to place high importance on our members, there is a lot more happening in the Club than just cricket. We host post game celebrations, weekly night outs, bar days, foreign country cricket tours, as we want our members to feel right at home and welcomed. The club also welcomes families of the members, so come join us and be part of fun.

### **INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN AND FEE SCHEDULE**

New players are most welcome to apply and join Prior Cricket Club. Please fill out the attached application form and email it to Club Secretary (for contacts see Office Bearers section of the website) and/or provide him a hard copy at your first meeting with him, perhaps at first practice. Our fees are competitively low due to democratic structure of the club. Fee Schedule for membership is as following, remember at anytime should you have question Secretary is only a phone call away.

**Annual Subscription is due Beginning March 22nd, New Members and Old Members, please understand eligibility and selection criteria for games.**

- a. **2009 Full Membership -- Philadelphia Cricket League and Turbo Cup The Fee Schedule is: \$175/person and \$100/person for student.**
- b. **2009 Partial Membership – Turbo Cup \$50.00**
- c. **2009 PCL 20/20 Championship: \$50/person, \$40/person for Student.**

**Weekly Match Fees, when member will be in playing XI, due before game start or you will not be able to play.**

- d. **Philadelphia Cricket League: \$10/person. (Umpire(s) Fee + Ball Fee).**
- e. **Turbo Cup and/or Social Games: \$5/person. (Ball Fee).**

### **NOTE:**

- o Approval of membership applications is vested in Prior Cricket Club Constitution and Club's Executive Committee. Decision on Membership is finalized by executive committee. Rejection of application shall also mean all paid dues shall be returned.
- o Once administrative task is complete, come to practice at the Clubhouse, (see days and times for practice). Remember membership does not guarantee a place in playing XI (please read club BY-LAWS/Constitution on selection criteria), however, our selection committee best makes sure that every member enjoys the fruits of a full time member.

## **DISCLAIMER ON PRACTICE SESSIONS AND LEAGUE GAMES:**

All members, new/old regardless of age, origin, race, geographical background, playing at nets practice and/or matches agree to do so on their own risk. Prior Cricket Club of Philadelphia **shall not** take any responsibility for personal injury caused during the game, being it on the field by another athlete.

It is highly advised that a playing Prior member **shall** carry full health insurance in case of an injury. The club **shall not** take responsibility to provide full protective gear for practice and/or league games, hence it is player's sole responsibility to obtain his personal protective equipment and reap full benefits of membership.

Prior Cricket Club member **shall** also note that any physical, property and/or personal damage caused by a ball bowled and/or hit and/or released at any time before/during/after nets practice and/or league game is the sole responsibility of the player from whom ball was released at the last connect/touch/instance, makes that member solely responsible for such a damage and **shall be** held accountable alone. Prior Cricket Club may help a member if scenario is reasonably justified and supported by the rest of the members.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AN UPCOMING WEEKEND GAME**

SELECTORS FOR 2009 SEASON ARE **MITUL PATEL AND DILPREET BAJWA**. MEMBERS **SHALL** UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING.

### **1.1 SEE ARTICLE V SECTION 2 of Club Constitution on Selection Committee.**

1.2 New/Returning Members **shall** be in Good Standing (i.e. "pay membership fees") in order to become eligible to play any regular season game. New Members **shall** attend two mandatory practice sessions before becoming eligible to play.

**Practice Sessions and Discipline:** Captain and Vice-Captain are to lay-out Formalized Practice Sessions followed by Formalized Game Plans for Season 2009. Therefore, no exceptions are to be made for any team member this year, be it even president, captain or any club member. As in, all members **shall** be noticed by the board members during practice. Any member trying to misbehave, sneak out and not offer the other members the same standard of service he received will have negative weight on selection.

**Executive Board is taking this into account very seriously this year. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE TO BE MADE FOR ANY TEAM MEMBERS, be it a Senior Member, an ALUMNI Member and/or a Junior Member.**

1.3 Members **shall** understand that selection of the team will not be influenced by members outside the Executive Committee for the season 2009. The final decision will be **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S**.

1.4 Tournament First and Individual last methodology **shall be** followed in selection. All members **shall** understand that PCL side is very competitive and selection for PCL is strictly on merit. Selection Committee makes a judgment based on one's ability to play them in PCL and their decision is final. Turbo Cup and Friendly games **shall** strictly be selected based on availability and Good Standing of a Member, with two of eleven, prioritized/permanent spots for Alumni and Senior Members.

1.5 All Members including President, Secretary, Captain, Vice-Captain, and Selectors, **shall** make themselves available for an upcoming weekend game as early as Monday but no later than 4:00pm Thursday by an email or 7:00pm by a phone call. Please note **send an email (to all at the same time) or place a phone call to Secretary and Treasurer**, no email or no phone call at due time(s) **shall** result in no selection.

### **TO AND CC TO**

**2009 SELECTORS:** Dilpreet Bajwa: [dil2006@yahoo.com](mailto:dil2006@yahoo.com), Mitul Patel: [mituljp@gmail.com](mailto:mituljp@gmail.com),

**The Captain:** Vishnu Radhakrishnan: [dreamzreality@gmail.com](mailto:dreamzreality@gmail.com)

**The Vice-Captain:** Rajash Palai: [pallairajash@hotmail.com](mailto:pallairajash@hotmail.com)

**The President:** Joe Aman: [jaman42@comcast.net](mailto:jaman42@comcast.net),

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Terence Fernandes: [priorcricketclub@hotmail.com](mailto:priorcricketclub@hotmail.com)

1.6 Teams for upcoming Weekend Games **shall** be selected by no later than 9PM Thursday with a follow up decision email/phone call if you do not have an email, no later than **10AM** following Friday morning to **ALL MEMBERS in Good Standing**.

- 1.7 If a member forfeits his selected spot after **10AM Friday** morning the next member in line (who submitted earliest availability) **shall** be granted the playing status for upcoming weekend game and/or in the team at hand.

#### NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS

- Membership fee for players is itemized towards joining the club, social activities structuring, clubhouse fees, league fees and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Upon welcome you **shall** receive a package so called members welcome package, which **shall** contain copy of “**General Introduction to Club, what to expect, Membership Application, Club constitution, Club By-Laws and Important Dates for the Season**”, more info can always be found on **club Website**, and a club Secretary/Treasurer can always recommend you a local vendor to purchase personal cricketing gear.
- Playing XI and substitutes **shall** be in whites unless otherwise stated by Team Captain.
- Players are required to arrive at matches no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled home/away game(s), **to reserve your spot in the playing XI punctuality does matter in the eyes of selection committee.**
- New members who are at the beginning stages of the game are most welcome to join the club, as our players/coaching is more than happy to assist.
- Failure to follow guidelines during nets and/or games **shall** lead to loss of playing privileges at the discretion of Executive Committee.





## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I                      NAME AND PURPOSE**

The Prior Cricket Club is a non-profit sporting organization designed to promote the game of cricket under the laws accepted by the Marylebone Cricket Club, the International Cricket Conference, and the United States Cricket Association.

### **ARTICLE II                      MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

SECTION 1.                      Types of Membership. Membership of the club shall be available to all interested persons. There shall be three types of membership: Ordinary, Associate and Honorary.

SECTION 2.                      Applications. Applications for ordinary and associate membership shall be sponsored by a an ordinary member in good standing and shall be considered by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3.                      Associate Members. Associate members shall receive the social privileges of the club, but shall not be invited to play regularly and shall not enjoy voting rights at special and annual general meetings.

SECTION 4.                      Honorary Members. Honorary members shall be elected at a general meeting from such persons as the club may desire to honor.

SECTION 5.                      Good Standing. A member in good standing shall be one who has paid his dues for the current year and has not been suspended for disciplinary reasons.

SECTION 6.                      Dues. The amount of ordinary and associate dues, and the date by which they must be paid, shall be fixed at the annual general meeting.

### **ARTICLE III                      OFFICERS**

SECTION 1.                      Description and Elections. The following officers of the club shall be elected at a secret ballot on a majority vote of ordinary members in good standing present at the annual general meeting or at a special meeting: President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer.

SECTION 2.                      Qualifications. No person shall be proposed as an officer of the club who is not an ordinary member in good standing. A person not present at a election shall not be nominated unless he has signified his consent in writing.

SECTION 3.                      Absence and Resignation. In the event of the temporary absence of an Officer the Executive Committee will nominate another one of its members to act in his place. Should the office of the President become vacant by death or resignation, the Secretary will become President. Should any other office, except that of Captain, become so vacant, the Executive Committee will appoint an ordinary member in good standing to replace him until the next general meeting. In no instance shall any person hold two of the club's offices simultaneously.

### **ARTICLE IV                      DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The duties of the officers of the club shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. President. He shall preside at annual and special general meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint the members of the Social Committee, be a member ex officio of all committees of the club, and shall be responsible for its general administration.

SECTION 2. Captain. He shall be responsible for the conduct of the side under his captaincy during a match. He shall act as chairman of the Selection Committee.

SECTION 3. Vice-Captain. He shall act as the Captain's deputy.

SECTION 4. Secretary. He shall keep the minutes of all meeting and maintain records of the club. He shall send out notices announcing the time and place of meetings. He shall prepare the schedule of matches and attend to correspondence of the club.

SECTION 5. Treasurer. He shall solicit and receive the annual dues. He shall prepare a budget and keep records of all the club's financial transactions. He shall not incur any debts on behalf of the club, other than at the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall present a report on finance at the annual general meeting.

Other duties may be assumed by officers of the club at the request of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE V            COMMITTEES**

The standing committee of the club shall be as follows: Executive Committee, Selection Committee, Social Committee.

SECTION 1. Executive Committee. The committee shall consist of officers of the club, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. It shall meet at least once a month during the playing season, and on such other occasions as may be necessary, to conduct the club's business. It shall approve or reject applications for membership. It shall make such rules as are needed for the running of the club and promulgate them to members. It shall discipline members where appropriate under the provisions of Article VII below. It shall appoint delegates to represent the club with external bodies, and replace officers of the club who resign under the provisions of Article III above. It shall supervise the provisions and maintenance of equipment, and arrange for the upkeep of club rooms and ground in liaison with the Fairmount Park Commission. It may establish any necessary ad hoc committees. It shall be responsible for the club matters not elsewhere specified in the constitution as the responsibilities of officers, general meetings, and the Selection and Social Committees.

SECTION 2. Selection Committee. The committee shall consist of the Captain, the Vice-Captain, the Secretary, and two ordinary members in good standing to be elected by secret ballot on a majority vote of ordinary members in good standing present at the annual general meeting. No person absent from the annual general meeting shall be proposed for the committee unless he has signified in writing his consent to the nomination. The committee shall meet at a fixed time and day of the week during the playing season to select teams. Its quorum shall consist of three members.

SECTION 3. Social Committee. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer and five members of the club appointed by the President. Its quorum shall be three members. It shall be responsible for running the bar; for hospitality, billeting and transport for visiting teams where necessary; and for social functions. It may form appropriate ad hoc subcommittees and co-opt additional members for special duties.

## **ARTICLE VI   ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Annual General Meeting. The meeting shall be held during the month of October. Prior written notice shall be sent to all member not less than two weeks before the date chosen. The quorum shall consist of one half of ordinary members in good standing. Only ordinary

members in good standing may vote. The annual general meeting shall hear and may discuss reports from officers and committees of the club. It may discuss club policy concerning play in competitive leagues, or any other matter relevant to the promotion and conduct of the game and the welfare of the club. Resolutions passed by a majority shall be binding upon the club's officers and committees. Roberts' Rules on Parliamentary Procedure for the Conduct of Meetings shall apply wherever they are not inconsistent with the constitution.

SECTION 2. Special General Meetings. A special general meeting may be called by the President, the Executive Committee, or upon the petition of one third of the ordinary members of the club in good standing. The purpose, place and time of the meeting shall be specified in a written notice sent to all members not less than two weeks before the date chosen. The quorum shall consist of one half of the of the ordinary members in good standing. Voting powers, the use of Roberts' Rules and the force of majority resolutions shall be as in Article VI.1 above.

## **ARTICLE VII DISCIPLINE**

Instances of unsportsmanlike conduct, and any gross dereliction of club rules, may be investigated by the Executive Committee. All decisions of the Executive Committee on disciplinary matters shall be made by the agreement of at least three members.

The Executive Committee shall afford opportunity to a club member, against whom such conduct or dereliction is alleged, to make representations in his own defense and to be assisted by an agent if he so desires. A member of the Executive Committee involved in an incident which is the subject of such an allegation shall not participate in the deliberations of the committee upon the matter. Should the Executive Committee decide that such an allegation is proven, it may impose appropriate penalties, including temporary or permanent suspension of the member from the club. Dues shall not be refundable in such circumstances.

## **ARTICLE VIII ACCEPTANCE AND AMENDMENT**

This constitution shall come into force upon acceptance by two-thirds of ordinary members present at a special general meeting. It may be amended only at an annual or special general meeting, by the vote of two-thirds of all the ordinary members in good standing.



## **RULES AND BY-LAWS**

These rules concerning the conduct of members and the general running of the club have been established by the executive committee under Article V Section 1 of the constitution.

- 1. General Conduct.** Members of Prior Cricket Club are expected to conduct themselves in all matters pertaining to the club in accordance with the spirit of the game, which includes sportsmanship, fair-mindedness and respect for the feelings and opinions of others.
- 2. Disputes.** Personal disputes and differences of opinion should be resolved with decorum. In no instance should violent confrontation, bad language, and personal abuse be indulged in. Disputes concerning the club which cannot be resolved by those involved should be referred to the executive committee.
- 3. Umpires' and Captain's Decisions.** On the field of play members must accept the decisions of the umpires and the captain without protest.
- 4. Barracking.** While occasional applause, exhortation, and good natured comments are allowed, there shall be no sustained barracking during play. In particular, there shall be no personal taunting or abuse of players.
- 5. Noise.** During a game no radios or other noise-making instruments are allowed in the pavilion. Nor are they allowed in the vicinity of the playing field if they are used loudly enough to distract the players.
- 6. Alcohol and Drugs.** There shall be no drug-taking or excessive drinking at home or away games. The bar shall refuse to serve members or guests who have imbibed too much alcohol. The bar may be closed during the actual playing of a game. Players shall not take alcoholic drinks before or during a game if consumption affects their playing ability.
- 7. Dress.** Members playing in a game shall dress properly in whites. Spikes must not be worn on the mat.
- 8. Punctuality.** Players should arrive at the ground before the announced starting time so that they are dressed and ready to take the field on time. When it is necessary to prepare the field and wicket for a home game, players should arrive half an hour early.
- 9. Ground Preparation.** All the selected members of a team are expected to participate in preparing the ground, and when necessary, in putting away the mat and boundary markers at the conclusion of play.
- 10. Practice.** Those attending practice should assist with the taking-out and putting-away of practice equipment.
- 11. Umpiring and Scoring.** During a game players are expected to comply with requests to take their turn at umpiring and scoring. Members should make themselves familiar with the rules of the game, especially those concerning leg-before-wicket decisions. Members should know the conventional umpiring signals.
- 12. Availability.** Members should inform a member of the selection committee if they desire to play in a particular game. This must be done before 7:30 p.m. on the night when teams are selected.

**13. Cancellations.** Players who have been notified of selection in a game should turn up regardless of weather conditions unless they have been directly informed of cancellation.

**14. Gear.** Members should treat club gear with care and respect. Gear should be returned tidily to the locker room immediately after use. Gear and equipment will not be removed from the vicinity of the ground and pavilion without permission of a member of the executive committee.

**15. Pavilion and Ground.** Members must at all times keep the pavilion and ground in a clean and orderly condition, and should help in cleaning and picking up litter. They should not allow anyone except members and guests to enter the pavilion or use its facilities.

**16. Hospitality.** Guests of the club shall be made welcome and treated with courtesy.

**17. Away Games.** Members playing or attending away games shall conduct themselves in the manner prescribed in these rules for home games.

**18. Match Fee/Tea Money.** It is the obligation of each member chosen for a home game to pay the set match fee or tea money.

**19. Leaving the Field or Ground.** No member of a Prior team should leave the field of play when the team is fielding without the captain's permission. Nor should any team member leave the ground while a game is in progress without first obtaining leave from the captain.

Few Important Tasks/Activities and Dates to Remember. Remember These Dates may vary, please see <http://www.priorcricketclub.com>

Tasks and Activities	Important Dates, 2009	Notes
Philadelphia Cricket League Membership Renewal	Jan, 31st	
Annual Club House and Grounds Cleaning Also Membership Applications with Proper Fee Due:	March 21st	See Prior Website For Details. Regular Members: \$175, For Regular Season Student Members: \$100, For Regular Season
Prior Hosts 2009 Pre-Season Party:	March 22nd	Those missing photos/pics with Membership Application will have their pics taken.
*Raffle Tickets Go On Sale ( <b>NEW FOR 2009</b> )  <b>Tickets will never Expire in Season 2009.</b> They act as a Donation towards Club Finances with a Reward for Post Game Socials.  Inquire with <b>Ali Dar</b> and/or <b>Terrence Fernandes</b> for details. You can purchase them along with your Membership Dues or on at any game day. Note: Club is also planning on giving out a gift of liquor bottle for Raffle Ticket Draw Winner after every weekend. Again Inquire within.	March 22nd	Notes: Price is \$2.00/Ticket and They shall never Expire. Remember our club is a non-profit organization and all purchases are considered donations towards club activities.
First Friendly Game:	March 28th	* Subject To Date Change, update on Club Website.
First Turbo Cup Game 30 Over Tourney:	April 10th	* Subject to Date Change, update on Club Website.
Prior Posts Official PCL Game Schedule For Season 2009:	April 11th	* Subject to Date Change, update on Club Website.
First Official PCL 40 Over League Game	May 2nd	* Subject to Date Change, update on Club Website.
Prior Participates in PCL 20/20:	Sept 12th	* Subject to Date Change, update on Club Website.
Prior Tours Florida	Nov, 9th	* Contingent upon consensus/availability.
Prior Tours Bahamas	Nov, 27th	* Contingent upon consensus/availability.
Prior Hosts General Elections Meeting	Dec, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Election to Elect New Executive Committee i.e. President, Secretary/Treasurer, Captain, Vice-Captain and Two Team Selectors.